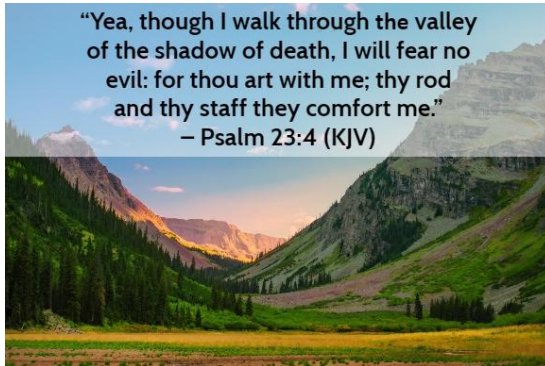




# Faith & Money

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## Walking With God

**By Dr. Laudis H. "Rick" Lanford, GUMF Regional Vice President**

My wife, Kim, and I always enjoy having our three grandboys come and spend the night with us. It was on one afternoon of fun and play, after baths and supper, we sat down and watched their new favorite Disney movie, "Frozen 2."

Not to spoil the movie for those who have not yet watched it, but there is one scene where Elsa's sister, Anna, finds herself all alone in a very dark cave. She is sad, scared, and afraid.

Luke, who is the oldest, said, "Papa, are you scared of the dark?" I knew that my response to his question would be an important one.

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## Clergy Financial Literacy Academy is Now Taking Registrations

**By Rev. Keith E. Lawder, GUMF President/CEO**

The Clergy Financial Literacy Academy is an electronic toolbox developed by the Georgia United Methodist Foundation to equip and empower pastors to make better financial decisions! CLFA is now open and taking registrations for the next training of cohorts.

The training consists of modules for both personal and church finance. The modules include online tutorials, exercises, and instructor-led Zoom sessions. Students will learn how to create a vision and a plan for their own financial wellbeing. The church finance tutorials will cover basic church finance and accounting along with a new tool, SOFTRO, which is a framework for church financial decision-making.

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### GUMF Welcomes New Trustees

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation would like to extend a warm welcome to four new Board of Trustees: Lauren Griner Isom, Rev. Hyo Shik Kim, Rev. Doreen Smalls, and Rev. Will Zant.

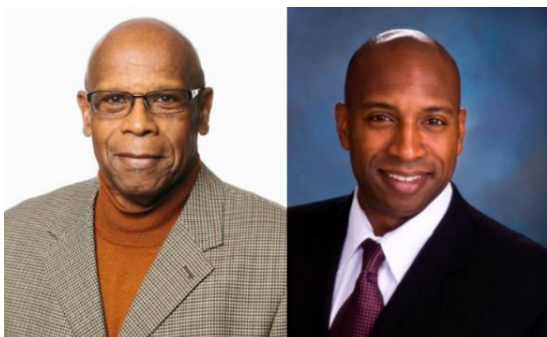
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### GUMF Extends Heartfelt Thanks to Trustees

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation extends a heartfelt thanks to Charles L. Bachman Jr., Charles W. Buffington, Jr., Rev. Dr. Glenn Ethridge, Gary T. Fuller, and Rev. Dr. Matt Woodbery for faithfully serving on our Board of Trustees.

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Charles Buffington Jr.

Charles Buffington III

### He Said It! I Did It! Lesson 4: Live Below Your Means

In 2005, Georgia United Methodist Foundation former Board of Trustee Charles W. Buffington Jr. and his son, Charles W. Buffington III, did what many aspire to do: They co-authored and published a book. *"He Said It! I Did It!"* takes readers on a journey to financial freedom and a life of abundance that honors God.

In this fourth lesson of their ten-part series, the Buffingtons encourage readers to create a budget that includes tithing and living below your means. They note that the proven way to gain prosperity is by gaining control over your spending through budgeting. Although the following practices require discipline and sacrifice, especially if you are living beyond your means today, you can achieve financial health, prosperity, and abundance.



### Do Good! July 2020 Calendar

Jesus practiced radical hospitality. And you can too! In 2020, GUMF will publish a monthly calendar with ideas on how you can "Do Good!" [View now](#) or see below.

1. Pray for all infected by the coronavirus and for their caregivers.
2. Pray for people who have lost loved ones.
3. Pray for health care workers and their families.
4. Thank God for our many freedoms.
5. Pray for police, firefighters, first responders, military and their families.
6. Pray for scientists to develop a COVID-19 vaccine.
7. Start a gratitude journal.
8. Set up a neighborhood group to help elderly neighbors.
9. Help someone who is struggling financially.
10. Call someone who is experiencing anxiety and isolation.

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## July 2020 Certificate Program Terms and Rates\*

- 4-Year = 2.40%**
- 3-Year = 2.00%**
- 2-Year = 1.90%**
- 1-Year = 1.70%**

GUMF offers fixed-rate certificate investments, which in turn provide funds for loans to Georgia United Methodist churches and ministries. To learn more, visit our [Certificate Program Offering Circular & Application page](#) or contact Carol Johnston, GUMF Controller, at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [cjohnston@gumf.org](mailto:cjohnston@gumf.org).

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## GUMF Recognized at UMAC's Virtual Awards Gala

On May 21, 2020, United Methodist communicators from across the connection gathered for the United Methodist Association of Communicator's virtual awards gala. Each year, UMAC recognizes excellence in communication through an extensive awards program that encompasses print publications, digital publications, writing, internet communications, video production, audio, photography, visual design, publicity/advertising, and media presentations.

The Georgia United Methodist Foundation's "Faith & Money" received First Place in the Print Publications/Newsletters category. GUMF's 2018 Annual Report, "Impacting Lives Together!" received Second Place in the Print Publications/Special Publication category.

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## GUMF Welcomes Dr. Rick Lanford to Our Ministry Team

We are excited to announce that Dr. Laudis H. "Rick" Lanford has joined the Georgia United Methodist Foundation's ministry team as Regional Vice President. He serves United Methodist churches, ministries, and members in South Georgia.

If you would like to learn how GUMF can help empower you to change lives, please contact us at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664, 478-256-7130 (South Georgia), or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org) or visit [www.gumf.org](http://www.gumf.org).

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